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Honorable Bill Goodling
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Goodling:

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 1989, to Mr. Stanley Laskowski in his former capacity as Acting Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III. I appreciate your special interest in the three National Priorities List sites, particularly the Hunterstown Road Site, near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and I look forward to working with you to resolve those environmental problems.

In response to your concern on behalf of the citizens near this Superfund site, let me assure you at the outset that the PCBs discovered there do not present a current health risk to the community. From the beginning of our involvement at the Site, protection of public health and the environment has been our first priority. Steps have been taken to remove and limit access to wastes and remediate the Site as quickly as possible.

PCBs were first discovered at the site in late January 1989, during excavation of drums, which is an important step in our ongoing remediation project. The drums are being excavated by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, under a Consent Order pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). During the routine course of excavation, the contractor for Westinghouse conducts waste characterization testing, which includes PCB analyses, in their on-site laboratory. These tests are required in the Work Plan.

The public was first made aware of the findings when Mr. Bill Steuteville, EPA's Removal Project Officer, informed Mr. Merle Hankey, Vice President of the Good Neighbors Against Toxic Substances (GNATS) about it during a visit to Mr. Hankey's residence on February 9, 1989. Since then, there have been other informal discussions with residents and the local press.

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At this time, we do not yet have complete information as to the exact quantities of PCBs present. However, we believe that the PCBs were found in 36 drums of solid materials and 3 drums containing liquids. Though most PCB concentrations are low, including all liquid samples, some readings as high as 20,000 ppm have been identified. Westinghouse will be submitting a complete analytical data package to EPA at the conclusion of the removal action.

It is believed that all PCBs have been removed from the western disposal area. Excavation on the east side is ongoing. Confirmatory sampling at the base of both excavations will include PCB analysis to determine the effectiveness of the removal action.

Westinghouse should complete the excavation by mid-May; however, closure of the removal action after analyses are received may take several more months. Westinghouse has expeditiously pursued the drum excavation since they started last December; and overall, Westinghouse's performance has been most satisfactory given the complicated nature of the removal action.

I hope this information will allay your constituents concerns. In addition, if you think it would be beneficial, we would be willing to meet with you and the concerned citizens.

Thank you once again for your continued involvement and support of environmental cleanup at the Gettysburg sites. If I can be of further assistance to you please don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



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Dear Stan:

Recently I completed a series of town meetings in my district, one of which was held in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Once again questions were raised about the presence of PCBs at the Hunterstown Road EPA Superfund site and I will appreciate your response to questions which were addressed to me.

1. When were PCBs first discovered at the site?
2. When were their presence first communicated to the public and how was this accomplished?
3. What quantity of PCBs was found and in what state?
4. Have all of the PCBs been removed?
5. Has the removal action which was being undertaken in recent weeks been completed and if not, when do you expect it will be complete?

As always, thank you for your prompt assistance. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

BILL GOODLING
Member of Congress

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